

JOURNAL.

Be it remembered that on this, the fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, being the day set apart by law for the biennial meeting of the Legislature, the Senate of the State of Texas convened at the Capitol of said State, in the city of Austin, when and where the following proceedings were had:

The Hon. David C. Dickson, Lieutenant Governor, and ex-officio President of the Senate, took the chair and called the Senate to order.

Mr. James F. Johnson, acting as Secretary *pro tem.* Mr. Ward Taylor was appointed Sergeant-at-arms, *pro tem.*

The roll of Senators elected since the last adjournment being called by districts, the following Senators appeared, presented their credentials, and being qualified, took their seats. From

District No. 1, composed of the counties of Red river and Bowie—Solomon H. Pirky.

District No. 3, Fannin and Hunt—Robt. H. Taylor.

District No. 6, Upshur and Wood—Jonathan Russell.

District No. 7, Cass and Titus—M. D. K. Taylor.

District No. 9, Rusk—James. W. Flanagan.

District No. 10, Smith and Vanzandt—Elisha E. Lott.

District No. 12, Anderson and Houston—William M. Taylor.

District No. 14, Shelby and Panola—James Truit.

District No. 15, San Augustine, Newton, Jasper and Sabine—James M. Burroughs.

District No. 18, Harris—Edward A. Palmer.

District No. 19, Montgomery, Walker, Madison and Grimes—Jesse Grimes.

District No. 21, Leon, Robertson, Brazos and Burleson—E. M. Millican.

District No. 22, Freestone, Limestone, Navarro and Henderson—Wm. H. Martin.

District No. 25, Bastrop Travis and Burnet—John Caldwell.

District No. 26, Calhoun, Victoria, Jackson, Goliad, DeWitt and Lavaca—S. A. White.

District No. 27, Gonzales, Gaudalupe, Caldwell, Hays and Comal—Henry E. McCulloch.

District No. 29, Starr, Webb, Nueces, San Patricio and Refugio—Edward R. Hord.

District No. 31, Gillespie, Bexar, Medina and Uvalde—Samuel H. Maverick.

The roll of the Senate being called, the following Senators answered to their names :

Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Burroughs, Caldwell, Doane, Flanagan, Grimes, Hill, Hord, Lott, McCulloch, McDade, Martin, Maverick, Millican, Palmer, Pirky, Potter, Russell, Scarborough, Scott, Superviele, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Truit, Weatherford, and White.

Nomination for Secretary being in order, Mr. Allen nominated Mr. James F. Johnson—Mr. Flanagan nominated Mr. N. C. Raymond. Messrs Bryan, Taylor of Fannin, and Doane were appointed Tellers. The ballot being taken, Mr. Johnson received twenty-two votes—Mr. Raymond seven votes.

Mr. Johnson having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected.

The election of an assistant Secretary being next in order, Mr. Palmer nominated Mr. Richard T. Brownrigg—Mr. Flanagan nominated Mr. W. A. L. Swan. Mr. Brownrigg received twenty votes—Mr. Swan nine.

Mr. Brownrigg having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected.

The election of Sergeant-at-Arms being next in order, Mr. Potter nominated Mr. Ward Taylor, Mr. Grimes nominated Mr. M. B. Irwin.

Mr. Taylor received twenty-five votes, Mr. Irwin two votes, Blank, one vote.

The election for Door-Keeper being next in order, Mr. McDade nominated Mr. S. W. Pipkin—Mr. Taylor of Houston nominated Mr. James R. Brocken.

Mr. Pipkin received nineteen votes, Mr. Brocken five votes, Mr. Mangam three votes.

Mr. Pipkin having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, the Senate proceeded to the election of Assistant Door-keeper. Mr. Grimes nominated Mr. H. M. Clare, Mr. Taylor of Houston nominated Mr. L. M. Truett, Mr. McCulloch nominated Mr. Wm. H. Pitts. Mr. Clare received eighteen votes, Mr. Truett received ten votes, Mr. Pitts one vote.

Mr. Clare having received a majority of all the votes was declared duly elected.

The election of Enrolling Clerk being next in order, Mr Bryan

nominated Mr. Frank Gildart. There being no other nomination, Mr. Gildart received twenty four votes, Mr. Raglin received three votes, Blank two votes.

Mr. Gildart having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected.

The election of Engrossing Clerk being next in order, Mr. Russell nominated Mr. C. J. Garrison, Mr. Grimes nominated Mr. Nathan Mitchell, Mr. Hord nominated Mr. H. J. Byrd. Mr. Garrison received seventeen votes, Mr. Mitchell nine votes, and Mr. Byrd four votes.

Mr. Garrison having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected.

On motion of Mr. Doane, the Senate proceeded to the election of a second Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Potter nominated Mr. Adolphe Menard, Mr. Grimes nominated Mr. M. B. Highsmith, Mr. Millican nominated Mr. W. H. Carter, Mr. Hord nominated Mr. H. B. Ricky.

Mr. Menard received eighteen votes, Mr. Highsmith received five votes, Mr. Carter received four votes, Mr. Ricky received three votes.

Mr. Menard having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected.

The officers elect of the Senate came forward and were qualified.

On motion of Mr. Grimes the Secretary was instructed to furnish the House of Representatives and the Governor, with a list of the officers.

On motion of Mr. Allen, the rules of the last Senate were adopted for the government of the present.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Cass, the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

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Senate met—Roll called—Quorum present.

A Committee from the House informed the Senate that the House had organized, and was ready to proceed to business.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the Secretary was instructed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate had organized, and was ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Taylor of Cass moved that a Committee of three be appointed to act with a similar Committee of the House, to inform the Governor that the two Houses were organized, and ready to receive any communication he might wish to make—carried.

Messrs. Taylor of Cass, Flanagan and Potter, were appointed said Committee.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Cass, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, Nov., 6th. 1855.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—Roll called—Quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

The President announced the following standing committees:

Committee on the Judiciary, Messrs. Potter, Palmer, Taylor of Houston, Taylor of Fannin, Armstrong, Martin, and Flanagan.

Committee on Finance, Messrs. Grimes, Milliken, Maverick, Scott and Burroughs.

Committee on the Militia, Messrs. Maverick, Doane, McDade, Weatherford and Russel.

Committee on Public Lands, Messrs. Scott, Pirkey, Scarborough, Surperveile and Guinn.

Committee on State Affairs, Messrs. Hord, Martin, Lott, Doane and Bryan.

Committee on Indian Affairs, Messrs. Caldwell, McCulloch, Hill, Armstrong and Allen.

Committee on Education, Messrs. Bryan, Taylor of Houston, Palmer, Scarborough and Burroughs.

Committee on the Penitentiary, Messrs. Lott, Grimes, Pirkey, Superviele and Russel.

Committee on Internal Improvements, Messrs. Flanagan, Maverick, Palmer, Millican and Hill.

Committee on Privileges and Elections, Messrs. Martin, McDade, Guinn, Weatherford and Truit.

Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, Messrs. Armstrong, Superviele, White, Lott and Pirkey.

Committee on Private Land Claims, Messrs. Taylor of Fannin, Truit, White, Doane and Hord.

Committee on Roads, Bridges, and Ferries, Messrs. Millican, McDade, Burroughs, Allen and Truit.

Committee on Claims and Accounts, Messrs. Hill, Guinn, Potter, Hord and Bryan.

Committee on Printing and Contingent Expenses, Messrs. Scarborough, Taylor of Houston and Taylor of Fannin.

Committee on Engrossed Bills, Messrs. Guinn, McCulloch and Russell.

Committee on Enrolled Bills, Messrs. Allen, White and Caldwell.